

Warner Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting
April 4, 2018

Attending: Nancy Martin, Mike Amaral, Doug Allen, Susi von Oettingen, Scott Warren, and Russ St.Pierre (recording).

Also Attending: Stephanie Monette and Ken Cogswell

February Minutes Approval:

The minutes of February 19, 2018 were approved with several corrections.

Brown Family-Frazier Brook Farm Update

The Selectmen approved the expenditure of \$75,000 from the conservation fund towards acquisition of this conservation easement. A hazardous waste survey of the property and a survey of the boundaries will be executed. Ausbon-Sargent Land Preservation Trust reports they will be distributing a fundraising letter to secure the remaining needed funding.

Land Protection – Willow Brook Easement

We have received invoices for the survey work and survey plans. The Commission would like to celebrate the easement acquisition at the fishing derby on May 12th.

Warner River Nomination

The NH House Committee Meeting went well. The Committee next must vote on their recommendation to the full House.

Warner River Watershed – Culvert Replacement

Mitigation associated with the propped culvert replacement will include improvements to the downstream culvert replaced in 2011 to provide better opportunity for fish passage.

Ben Nugent (NH Fish & Game) met with Jim Bingham and Tim Allen to discuss Town culverts needing replacement and developing a priority list and a five-year maintenance and replacement plan. A presentation will be made to the Selectmen in May.

Warner River Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP)

Volunteers monitored 7 sites along the Warner River in 2017, and their data is available on the NH Fish & Game webpage. This year, they would like to monitor additional sites and will be exploring new locations tomorrow.

Update on NHDOT Surplus Riverfront Lots:

Tax Map 7, Lot 1:

No new developments to report.

Tax Map 16, Lot 24:

Waiting for the surveyor's report.

Update on CNHRPC Collaboration on OHRVs in the Mink Hills

The group designed a survey for approximately 150 property owners in the Warner portion of the Mink Hills. The draft survey will be beta tested. The Town is helping with mailing the survey.

Easement Monitoring

It is a good time to go out monitoring easements before the leaves come out.

Wetlands

There have been no wetland permit applications or notifications this year. The permit for the Silver Brook culvert replacement was finally approved.

Old Business

Mike represents the Conservation Commission on the Town's Economic Development Committee. His term recently expired and he did not request a renewal. He suggested that maybe Commission members could rotate attendance at future meetings. Nancy will attend the next meeting.

New Business

The Conservation Commission membership is down one full member and one alternate member. Stephanie Monette expressed interest in joining the Commission

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be May 2nd at 7:00 PM.